Dear Dr. Goldberg, 12/31/95

I'm surprized at your "full-length study" of Marguerite Oswald, an interest I never had. I have always regarded her as a flake who suddenly regarded herself as important once charges were made against her son. She then said anything that popped into her mind and as soon as she said it she believed it. I was never in touch with her except that I did send her a copy of Whitewash because she was Oswald's mother. When she heard I was to be in Dallas in 1972 she told the people with whom I was to stay that she'd like to see me at a certain time on a Sunday. It happened that I had a prior appointment for that time so I phoned her to arrange a different time. Haughtily she announced, "Marguerite Oswald plays second fiddle to nobody" and hung up. That was my one contact with her, it was not on my initiative and it was all I wanted! So as you can see I cannot respond to most of your questions.

I never had any reason to believe that she had any factual basis forsaying that Lee was a government agent of any kind.

I did not know that she fired Lane. The personality of either of them could explain their separation.

On people turning against her, she did all she could to assure that by her conduct and her words. She was pretty hard to take.

She was, I suppose, her own kind of tragedy.

I do not know anyone who has made any kind of study of her and frankly I see no reason to, not in terms of the assassination.

Sincerely,

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